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SUBJ: OUTER SPACE: FUTURE WORK OF WORKING GROUP ON DIRECT
BROADCAST SATELLITES (DBS)

1. ARGENTINA, CANADA AND SWEDEN JUNE 20 CIRCULATED FOLLOWING
PROPOSAL FOR " CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS" SECTION
OF REPORT ON CURRENT SESSION OF DBS WORKING GROUP
REGARDING WG' S FUTURE WORK:

QTE:

" THE WORKING GROUP HAS, PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 2915 (XXVII), REVIEWED SUBSTANTIVE MATERIAL
ON THE TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC AND OTHER ISSUES RELATED TO
DIRECT SATELLITE BROADCASTING MADE AVAILABLE SINCE ITS
LAST SESSION. ACCORDINGLY, THE WORKING GROUP NOW CONSIDERS
IT NECESSARY TO FOCUS ATTENTION TO THE RELEVANT LEGAL
AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS. IN THIS CONNEXION, IT EXPRESSED
THE VIEW THAT ANOTHER SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP SHOULD
BE CONVENED BEFORE THE THIRTEENTH SESSION OF THE LEGAL
SUB- COMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF
OUTER SPACE.

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THE WORKING GROUP SHOULD BE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED TO CONSIDER,
AT THAT SESSION, THE ELABORATION OF PRINCIPLES GOVERNING
THE USE BY STATES OF ARTIFICIAL EARTH SATELLITES FOR DIRECT
TELEVISION BROADCASTING, AS PROVIDED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION 2916 (XXVII), WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING GENERAL CONSENSUS ON THIS SUBJECT. THIS WOULD PERMIT THE LEGAL SUB- COMMITTEE TO EFFECTIVELY DISCHARGE SUCH RESPONSIBILITIES AS MAY BE CONFERRED UPON IT FOR THE FINAL FORMULATION OF APPROPRIATE PRINCIPLES ON THIS SUBJECT.

IN ITS WORK, THE WORKING GROUP SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE BASIC ASSUMPTIONS WHICH WOULD UNDERLIE SUCH PRINCIPLES AS WELL AS THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISIONS OF THE 1971 WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE FOR SPACE TELECOMMUNICATIONS."

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2. THERE APPEARS TO BE NEAR UNANIMITY WITHIN WG IN FAVOR OF, OR AT LEAST ACQUIESCENCE IN, ANOTHER SESSION OF WG IN 1974. SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES EXIST AS TO TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR SUCH SESSION, PARTICULARLY WHETHER IT SHOULD HAVE EXCLUSIVELY OR PREDOMINANTLY POLITICAL- LEGAL ORIENTATION. USSR AND ALLIES WOULD, OF COURSE, BE HAPPY TO SEE NO SESSION, IN WHICH CASE THEY WOULD PRESS FOR FIRM MANDATE FROM OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE TO LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE TO ELABORATE DBS PRINCIPLES, PURSUANT TO UNGA RES 2916, AT ITS 1974 SESSION. HOWEVER, SOVIETS HAVE INDICATED THEY WOULD ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION TO RECONVENE WG PER PARA 1 ABOVE.

3. WITH THESE FACTORS IN MIND, AND IN EFFORT AT MINIMUM TO SET ACCEPTABLE TOR FOR POSSIBLE 1974 WG SESSION, USDEL JOINED BELGIUM, JAPAN AND UK JUNE 21 A. M. IN PROPOSING FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL FOR " CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS":

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" IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE CONSIDER RECONVENING THE WORKING GROUP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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ON DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES IN 1974, DIRECTING IT, WITHIN ITS EXISTING MANDATE, TO PERFORM THE FOLLOWING TASKS:

1. ANALYSIS OF THE BASIC ASSUMPTIONS - TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC, LEGAL, POLITICAL, ETC., - WHICH WOULD UNDERLIE FUTURE PRINCIPLES CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL SATELLITE BROADCASTING WHICH MIGHT BE FORMULATED.
2. EXAMINATION OF APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL SATELLITE BROADCASTING ON A REGIONAL BASIS.
3. CONSIDERATION OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TECHNOLOGICAL STATE OF THE ART OF SATELLITE BROADCASTING, INCLUDING FACTORS SUCH AS TIMING, COSTS, AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OPERATIONAL SATELLITE BROADCASTING
SYSTEMS.

4. STUDY OF WAYS TO ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL CO- OPERATION
WITH THE AIM OF DERIVING MAXIMUM BENEFIT FROM BROADCAST
SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY."

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4. CHAIR ASKED COSPONSORS OF RESPECTIVE DRAFTS PLUS USSR
TO CONFER BEFORE JUNE 21 P. M. WG MEETING IN EFFORT TO
RECONCILE TWO TEXTS AND PRODUCE RECOMMENDATION ON WHICH
ALL WG MEMBERS COULD AGREE.
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